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THE CDU/CSU PRESS SERVICE HAS PUBLISHED THE FOLLOWING
LETTER FROM CHILEAN CHARGE VALDES TO CDU BUNDESTAG
DEPUTY TODENHOEFER RE THE RELEASE OF POLITICAL
PRISONERS IN CHILE. BEGIN TEXT:

1. DEAR MR. REPRESENTATIVE:

IN RESPONSE TO THE MATTER YOU RAISED OVER THE
TELEPHONE, IN THE NAME OF OUR GOVERNMENT WE WISH TO
INFORM YOU OF THE FOLLOWING:

2. IT IS CORRECT THAT THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT INTENDS
TO RELEASE ALMOST ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS IN THE NEXT
MONTHS. THIS DECISION PERTAINS TO A GROUP OF 1,107
POLITICAL PRISONERS WHO ARE CURRENTLY UNDER SPECIAL
ARREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATUTE 12927 OF AUGUST 6,
1958. THIS DECISION ALSO APPLIES TO ANOTHER GROUP
OF APPROXIMATELY 3,500 PRISONERS AGAINST WHOM PROCEED-
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INGS IN DULY CONSTITUTED COURTS HAVE IN PART ALREADY
BEEN CONCLUDED. THIS SECOND GROUP WILL ALSO BE

RELEASED SOON. THE LEGAL PREREQUISITE, HOWEVER, IS
THE CONCLUSION OF THE RESPECTIVE LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

3. MOREOVER, WE WISH TO INFORM YOU THAT, IN ACCORDANCE
WITH THE LATEST POSITION, THE LARGEST PART OF THOSE
RELEASED CAN REMAIN IN THE COUNTRY. ONLY WITH RESPECT
TO A MINORITY DOES RELEASE DEPEND UPON WHETHER OTHER
COUNTRIES ARE PREPARED TO ACCEPT THEM.

RESPECTFULLY,

PABLO VALDES

CHARGE

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